

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
ROSS MICHAEL KRILL : Examiner:  
Serial No.: N/A : Group Art Unit  
Filed: July 28, 2003 :  
For: AN APPARATUS FOR :  
PROVDING A STREAM OF  
PRESSURIZED SUBSTANTIALY:  
INERT GAS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

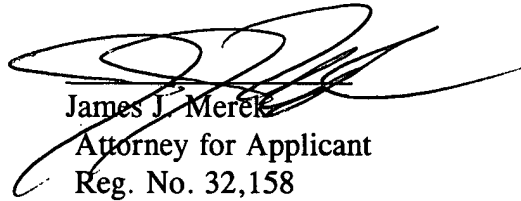
Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner eight (8) U.S. Patents as well as pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/983,461 filed on October 24, 2001. These documents are listed on the accompanying PTO Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to thoroughly review and officially consider these references before issuing the first Office Action in connection with this case. The Examiner is further advised of the fact that Applicant has filed a continuation patent application on July 28, 2003 claiming priority from pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/983,461. The continuation patent application is entitled "METHOD FOR PROVIDING A STREAM OF PRESSURIZED SUBSTANTIALY INERT GAS." The inventor is the same as in the subject patent application. The Examiner is requested to officially consider this divisional patent application as well. Should the Examiner be unable to locate the divisional patent application, she is requested to contact the undersigned.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AC	4,350,505	9/21/82	MALLORY			
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### OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)*

	AK	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/983,461 filed on October 24, 2001 and presently pending in GAU 3672 before Examiner Matthew J. Smith.
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